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## 'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

A carload of melons sold last week in Scott county for \$250.

Each of the five rural route carriers carrying mail out of Jackson now uses an automobile.

An ordinance is to be passed at Charleston forbidding the use of out-puts by automobilists with in the city limits.

In the recent death of Mrs. Victorine Horner, at the age of 101 years and 9 months, Dunklin county lost its oldest person.

At an average of \$175 per ear, Dunklin county, this season shipped about 1500 earloads of delicious watermelons to market.

At Odessa, Thomas A. Murray, and his wife, aged 78, died on successive days and were buried side by side at a double funeral service.

Collecting dog taxes is such a thankless job that a Kirksville policeman appointed for that purpose has resigned the position and the vacancy goes begging.

If he hadn't been hurt in a runaway the other day, the great big world outside of Bates county would have never known that there was a man living at Adrian named Ansil Oats.

Fourteen years ago Thomas McKiddy lost a watch in a cornfield near Princeton. Recently L. E. Scott found the watch, gave the stem a twist and the watch is still ticking away.

Cape Girardeau has a vehicle license tax which now effects dairy men and undertakers. It is said the former, fifteen in number, will refuse to pay the tax and that suits will result.

A bird with a neck a yard long was caught by a Cape Girardeau hunter the other day. After measuring its neck with a foot rule, the bird was identified as a blue heron and formally given to the city zoo.

J. Morton Keys was nominated by the Democrats for sheriff of Saline county at the recent primary. It is said he had been a candidate for this office at each election since 1890, losing each time until this year.

At Charleston a few days ago, Ruth Ellen Heggie, age five years, while playing with a pair of scissors, accidentally stuck them in her right eye. The point went through the iris of the eye but not through the pupil.

The Ozark Observer, Oregon county's only Republican newspaper, has given up the ghost and gone where the woodbine twineth. The paper failed to come out last week and there was no number issued this week.

The late Colonel William H. Phelps, Missouri politician, whose home was at Carthage, and who died from an operation recently at Rochester, Minn., left an estate of nearly \$1,000,000. It sometimes pays to be in politics.

"Coon up a tree" was the interpretation a Charleston county man placed on the excited barking of his faithful hound dog, and taking the dog at his word, proceeded to investigate. The dog had deceived him only as to number, for when daylight came seven coons were discovered trying to hide among the branches.

Harry Morse, who sixteen years ago was known in Scott county as the leader of a gang of thieves, last week returned and lectured as a reformer in the streets of Oran. In his talk, he said he had spent seventeen years in various prisons.

Rural mail carriers are an accommodating lot, but in Andrew county one was stumped when he found this note from one of his patrons: "Dear Mail Carrier--Please water our cow and mule in the stable and feed our chickens. We have gone visiting."

A pair of kittens which thrived under the care of their adopted mother, a large red hen, and died when that care was taken from them is a story the Sedalia Democrat heard from a farmer who lives near Green Ridge. There have been hot winds about Sedalia.

True love did not run smoothly in the affairs of Dr. E. W. Parrish, a young Lamar dentist, and Miss Olive Staats. In a lovers' quarrel several weeks since, he stabbed her five times and then attempted suicide. She recovered her wounds last week and they went to Pittsburg, Kans., and were married.

Capt. James Synnamm, 80 years old, Confederate veteran and resident of Platte county since 1855, died at his home in Platte City Monday night. During the Civil War he was a captain in Quantrell's corps. Capt. Synnamm twice served as sheriff of Platte county.

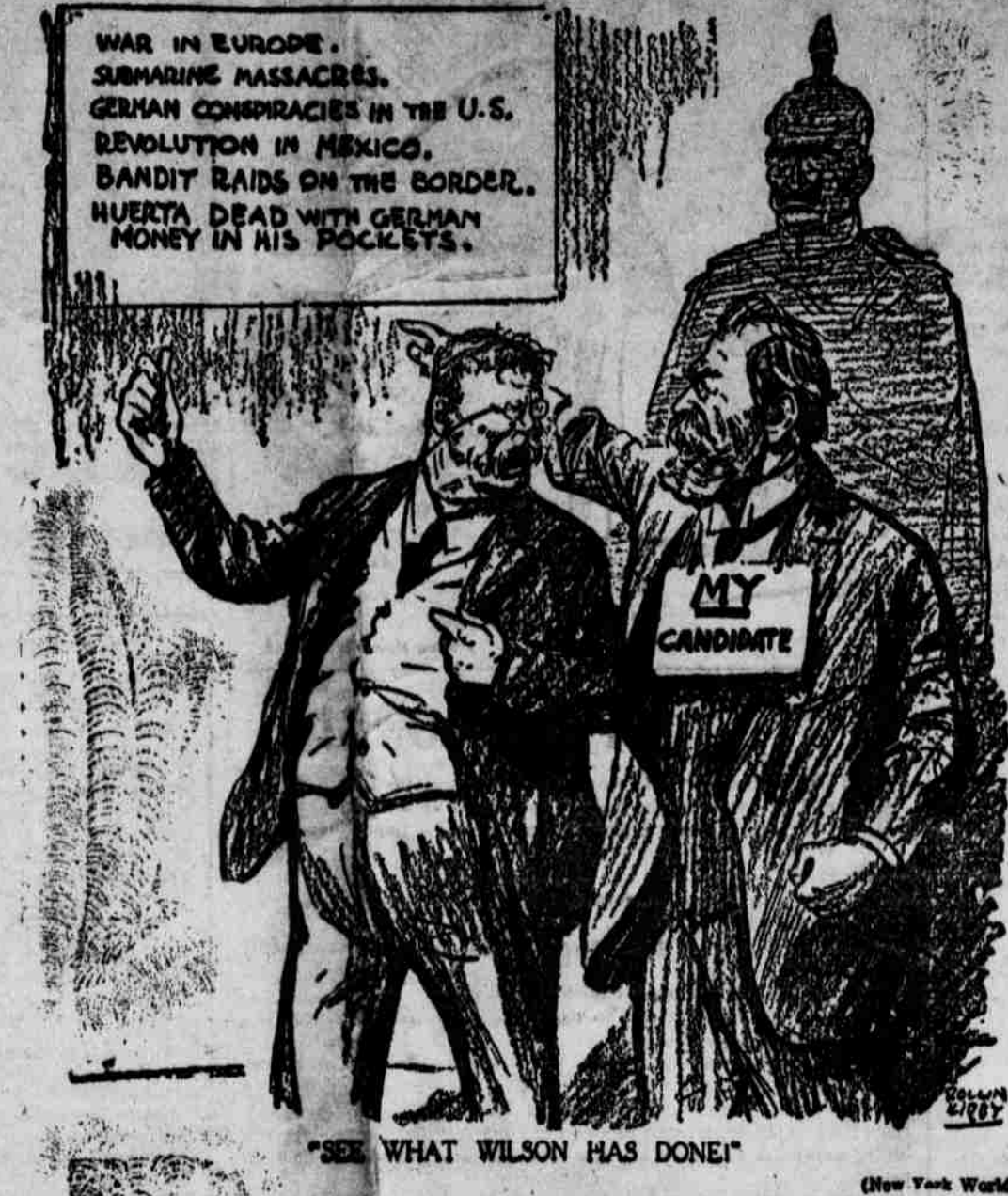
In a book which he has kept for more than twenty-five years, Mayor A. S. Robey of Maryville has complete circus record of the town. The first tented aggregation to exhibit at Maryville was that of Adam Forepaugh which was there in August 1893. One circus has been at Maryville three times.

With profits as high as \$200 an acre for the cantaloupe growing districts of Mississippi county, melon growing there has been given impetus and many new growers are planning to engage in the industry for next year. By the use of hotbeds, growers hope to catch an earlier market next season.

Last Saturday was the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram King. They were married at Sonora, in Atchison county. Sonora is not in existence now, and the land where the town was built is now in the Missouri river. Fifty years ago it was a right good town.

Ever Hammer, the Chicago pugilist, is visiting relatives near Ethel, and around there the report is current that he returned for the purpose of administering a thrashing to a teacher who once whipped him when the shifty lightweight was a schoolboy. When interviewed the teacher denied the incident, but hints that he can make good if Ever Hammer gets at all gay or fussy.

A dog that makes every train is the property of an Altamont barber. No matter what the weather a train with a dining car attached never gets through town without the dog greeting it with a friendly bark which nearly always is rewarded by a hand-out.



John McCain, of Cape Girardeau county, 90 years old, his wife and two children have been taken to the poor farm in that county, though unable to read, he had memorized many passages of Scripture and had conducted in the little church on the hill near Pocahontas.

The New Madrid city council has passed a new ordinance against the sale of intoxicating liquors, the maximum fine being \$300, the same as that prescribed by local option statute. One party has already been caught in the dragnet and the jury gave him the maximum punishment.

"Died with his hand on the throttle" was literally true of Reub Marshall, a Missouri Pacific engineer on the Joplin branch. After stopping at the Pleasant Hill tank, his fireman was climbing back to his post when he noticed the engineer crumpled up on his seat queerly and going over to him found that he was dead.

While sitting on his front porch reading his evening paper, Saturday, M. W. Lloyd was approached by a man who handed him \$1.00, and explained that he had stolen that amount from Mr. Lloyd several years ago and desired to refund the money. He also insisted that the interest be computed and he be allowed to pay that too. He gave as a reason for desiring to reimburse Mr. Lloyd, that he was endeavoring to ease a conscience that was hurting him.--Dunklin County News.

Paul (Shike) Smith, the negro boy who has been doing the Human Fly stunts in Maryville the last few weeks, last night gave a performance before the band concert crowd climbing past the flag Harry H. Gardner placed on his courthouse tower the day he gave his performance here before thousands of Nodaway county folks. Smith went to the last ledge and within a few feet of the place where Gardner climbed that day. Mainerd Collins, a white boy accompanied Smith.

### TAKES HUSBAND'S JOB



This woman is but one of the many thousands of Englishwomen who are today doing every kind of labor owing to the absence of their men folk who have joined the army and are fighting on foreign soil.

All the employees of a Peterborough blacksmith having joined the army and it being impossible to secure any local assistance, the lady of the house, the blacksmith's wife, aids her husband in his work and fits a shoe to a nicety. The photograph shows Mrs. Pogson, wife of the blacksmith, shoeing a horse.

\$350 Returned to Town. Darlington, S. C.--Mayor Cox was astonished the other morning when he opened a special delivery letter which contained a brief note and \$350 in gold certificates. The note, which bore neither date nor signature and was penciled in a nervous hand, read: "Have discovered that, owing to a mistake made long ago, \$350 belongs to the town. Just use with ordinary taxes." The letter was mailed at the local post office.

Street to Be Named for Gallieni. Paris.--The municipal council of Paris has charged one of its committees with the mission of choosing a street or square to be named after the late General Gallieni.

### CUTAWAY COAT TO BE MODE

Convention Also Decides on Modified Form Fitting Garments for Men--Few Other Changes.

Cedar Point, O.--The cutaway coat is to stage a comeback, according to delegates to the annual convention of the International Custom Cutters' association here. This fall and winter men are to fall back on this old standby for general wear, according to the decree of the association, which sets the styles for men's garments.

Fat men and bow-legged men will find little comfort in the outlook for style changes for fall and winter. The pinch-back design will predominate in coats for outdoor wear. Coats generally will remain the modified form fitting style. Trousers, too, will be form fitting.

There will be no radical changes.

### OWNER OF BEES IS SUED

Neighbor of Indiana Man Says a Number of Them Stung Stock and Children.

Valparaiso, Ind.--E. S. Miller, a member of the National Association of Beekeepers and owner of several hundred stands of bees in this county, has been sued because, it is alleged, some of his bees flew to the home of Raymond Austin, a farmer nearby, and stung the live stock, poultry and children in addition to usurping a water tank.

It is asserted in the complaint that if the bees had been properly cared for they would not have done this. Austin asks a restraining order that will prevent Miller from keeping the bees so near to the former's farm. Damages of \$500 also are asked.

### CURE MAN WITH BROKEN NECK

Falls From Wagon--Treated in Hospital Two Weeks--Will Recover Completely.

Duluth, Minn.--Reported to be the only case of its kind successfully treated here is that of J. R. Johnson of Colbyville, Minn., who suffered a broken neck less than two weeks ago and who was discharged from a hospital as practically cured.

Johnson, who is farm superintendent for E. S. Kempton, treasurer of the Duluth, Minn. & Northern railroad, was thrown from a load of hay to the ground, sustaining what was termed a complete fracture of the neck. Attending physicians say he will recover completely after a short rest.

### Japanese Gardens.

The Japanese lay out their gardens so as to suggest famous scenes in their history. Miniature landscapes are laid out so as to recall well-known spots in history, and suggest the events that have taken place there.

### BET SUGAR CROP LARGER

Germany Expects Surplus If Feeding to Cattle Is Prohibited Immediately.

The Hague.--The prospect for this year's sugar beet crop in Germany, according to a report in the Hanover Courier, justifies the expectation of a surplus if the use of beets as fodder for cattle is prohibited immediately. The estimated production of sugar beets for 1916 is 28,000,000 hundredweight, as compared with 29,000,000 hundredweight in 1915.

The consumption of sugar beets, which was 28,000,000 hundredweight annually before the war, is now much higher owing to the requirements of the army and because sugar is now used instead of butter and other fats. Nevertheless, it is calculated the present per capita ration may be doubled with safety.

Numerous Dutch farm hands have gone across the border into Germany for the harvesting season. They are attracted by the high wages, which are \$18 a week, plus board and lodging.

### MORGAN JR. HAS \$126,833,000

Doubles His Father's Wealth in British Munition Orders and War Loans.

New York.--J. P. Morgan, from figures learned by the appraisal of his father's estate, has made as much money during the last two years as the old head of the house made during his entire career.

The elder Morgan's estate was appraised last week at \$73,149,000, of which \$53,084,000 went to the present J. P. Morgan.

Nearly all the amount made by the present Morgan was earned through munition orders and commissions on loans, the Morgan firm having received a commission of 2 per cent on all munitions and supplies purchased by the British government.

### OPIUM BAN BOOMS TRADE

Persia's Exports Increase Sixfold Since Prohibition Law Went Into Effect in China.

Rotterdam.--The prohibition of the import of opium in China has been responsible for a big expansion of Persia's trade with the Dutch East Indies. According to the report for 1915 drawn up by the Persian consul at Rotterdam, that country's exports to the Dutch colonies in 1915-16 increased about sixfold, viz., from some \$135,000 to \$1,186,000.

Persian opium is now exported to the Netherlands East Indies, being thence re-exported to Formosa, making up practically the whole of the total figure mentioned.

### BLOWN FAR BY BIG BLAST



Peter Raceta, captain of a Moran lighter, sitting up in bed in the Jersey City hospital.

Raceta was asleep in his cabin, the boat being one of the many vessels towed away from the burning piers of Black Tom island, Jersey City. When about fifty feet from the Statue of Liberty in New York bay there came the big ammunition explosion. The captain says he was thrown into the water straight from his bunk. He started swimming and found himself under one of the burning docks with flaming vessels, cars and buildings around him. He swam across the water to the Liberty Statue and when he had gained sufficient strength he swam back to one of the piers near the scene of the explosion and was pulled out of the water and rushed to the Jersey City hospital.

Silver in England. Silver is not legal tender in England for sums over \$10.